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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/762,953	Applicant(s) GOTTFURCHT ET AL.	
	Examiner Andrew Belousov	Art Unit 2174	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the original filing of January 21, 2004. Claims 1-8 are pending and have been considered below.

Claim Objections

1. Claims 6 and 7 are objected to because of the following informalities: claim 6 and 7 appear to have typographical errors with regard to claim dependency. Claim 6 and 7 will be treated as depending upon claims 5 and 6, respectively, for the prosecution of this application. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. Claims' 1 and 5 use of the phrase "simplified" renders the claim indefinite because a clear baseline to determine what user interface is "simplified" is missing.

5. Claims' 4 and 8 use of the phrase "unique" renders the claim indefinite because a clear baseline to determine what voice signal input is considered "unique" is missing.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng, et al. (6,211,878) in view of Kudirka (5,893,064.)

Claim 1, 5: Cheng discloses a method comprising:

- a. providing a simplified navigation interface (Fig. 8) comprising a set of navigation options through a television channel (Fig. 8; 3:13-19);
- b. selecting a first navigation option (11:14-20)

However, Cheng does not explicitly disclose receiving a voice signal and selecting an option based on a predefined correspondence between the voice signal and a first navigation option. Kudirka discloses a system for control of a computer system by the use of speech recognition and voice commands (Abstract.) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to command an interface by voice commands, as taught by Kudirka, so as receive a voice signal and select an option based on a predefined correspondence between the voice signal and a first navigation option in the method of Cheng. One would have been motivated to utilize voice commands for interfacing so as to have a more natural and flexible means of communicating with a computer system (1:7-23).

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Claim 2, 6: Cheng and Kudirka disclose the method and machine readable medium of claims 1 and 5, respectively. Cheng further discloses wherein the first navigation option is a matrix cell (Fig. 8.)

Claim 3, 7: Cheng and Kudirka disclose the method and machine readable medium of claims 2 and 6, respectively. Cheng further discloses comprising: displaying a lower matrix layer when the first navigation option is selected (11:14.)

Claim 4, 8: Cheng and Kudirka disclose the method and machine readable medium of claims 1 and 5, respectively. Kudirka further discloses wherein the voice signal is a unique input (Abstract.)

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Belousov whose telephone number is (571) 270-1695. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (alternate Fri off) EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-3800.

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